



AUGUST 2006 CALENDAR

BLACKSTONE RIVER & CANAL HERITAGE STATE PARK

RIVERBEND FARM STATE RESERVATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 King Philips Rock Hike 12 pm-3pm	3 Timeline Trekkers <u>1pm-2:30pm</u> R.A.S.A 430 pm – 630 pm	4 Junior Rangers <u>12pm-3pm</u> Story Time 4 pm-4:30 pm	5 Birdwalk <u>8 am-9:30 am</u> Canal Walk <u>1pm-230pm</u> Star Gazing 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
6	7	8	9	10 Timeline Trekkers <u>1pm-2:30pm</u> R.A.S.A. 430 pm – 630 pm	11 Junior Rangers <u>12pm-3pm</u> Story Time 4 pm-4:30 pm	12 Night Hike 8pm-10pm
13	14	15	16 King Philips Rock Hike 12 pm-3pm	17 Timeline Trekkers <u>1pm-2:30pm</u> R.A.S.A 430 pm – 630 pm	18 Junior Rangers <u>12pm-3pm</u> Story Time 4 pm-4:30 pm	19 Star Gazing 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
20 Stargazing 8-1030	21	22	23	24 Timeline Trekkers <u>1pm-2:30pm</u> R.A.S.A. 430 pm – 630 pm	25 Junior Rangers <u>12pm-3pm</u> Story Time 4 pm-4:30 pm	26
27	28	29	30 King Philips Rock Hike 12 pm-3pm	31 R.A.S.A 430 pm – 630pm (last meeting)		



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Special Events: All events will meet at the river bend farm visitors' center in Uxbridge, MA. Please call 1(508) 278-7604 for additional information. Reasonable accommodations upon request.

Junior Rangers: this great educational program teaches children ages 11-14 about the local ecosystem and history of the Blackstone valley. Topics include: weather, geology, insect life, watershed life, mammalogy, forestry, orienteering, and local history, focusing on the industrial revolution. This program will teach indispensable knowledge and lessons about the world around them.

R.A.S.A (reptile and amphibian summer association): this program educates students on local reptile and amphibian wildlife, from painted turtles to bullfrogs to spotted salamanders. This program will give them a deep appreciation and understanding of these creatures, and hopefully inspire them to share their knowledge. Each week we will be focusing on a specific species, and will be given a visual presentation on the species as well a hike to try to find the creature of the week.

King Philips Rock Tour: each week we will be taking the 2 mile hike up to King Philips rock, during which we will discuss the local history of the area, including geological, ecological, European settler, and Native American history. Once we arrive at King Philips rock, we will break for lunch and enjoy the spectacular view that the area offers. Lunch will not be provided.

Canal walk: once a week we will be walking a one mile section of the Blackstone canal by river bend farm, on this walk I will discuss the history of the area, covering the history of the construction, operation, and demise of the canal, as well as the history of local farms and towns that were greatly affected by the canal construction and the economic boom that it created.

Time Trekkers: This youth program is aimed towards kids between the ages of 5 and 10 years. The understanding of the local Blackstone valley ecosystem and history, as well as broader concepts of the natural world will taught in the program through interesting presentations, fun filled games, and exciting arts and craft projects.

Stargazing: Once a month, we will have an astronomy seminar at river bend farm with Frank Ascoli. This exciting seminar will take you on a journey through the starry sky, where you will see many spectacular celestial points of interest and learn much about the universe.

Night Hike: Once a month, we will explore the nocturnal wildlife of the Blackstone valley. The first session will be on local bats and owls, the second session will be on local frogs and their sounds, and the third session will be on local nocturnal insects. The program will consist of a moderate hike of about a mile either on the Blackstone canal or up goat hill. Please bring flashlights and a sense of adventure and curiosity.



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